

JOHN F. MARTIN of the Benton Record, secretary of the Southeast Missouri Press association, has our thanks for a copy of the proceedings of the last meeting of the association, held at Sikeston January 6.

PENNSYLVANIA is a neat old state—accused of being dead slow, but when one reads an account of the stealings in their state house job he concludes that it is up to the swift of them in raceability. If the democrats could overcome that beastly republican majority wouldn't there be one full penitentiary?

THE Globe-Democrat says: "Many of the industries that slowed down on account of the recent flu—working full time now to keep their stocks from running out. A return of confidence seems to be all that was needed."

We would feel better over that paragraph if the G.-D. had located a few of those "many industries." Fact is, we wouldn't be surprised if it's a fertile imagination that's running "on full time." And, by the way, isn't it a want of confidence that causes financial flurries.

AND now the G. O. P. is having a strenuous tussle with the negro question. That Brownsville (Texas) affair is laying very heavy on their minds—so heavy that, says a Washington dispatch, "Senator Warner has served notice that, while he must endorse the president, if compelled to vote on the question, whatever remote chances the republicans have of carrying Missouri will go glimmering." Like tariff revision, "after the election" is always the proper time. Would it not be terrible if Teddy, by his strenuousness, has driven the "man and brother" out of the G. O. P.?

While Congressman Madison R. Smith has been putting in some good work for the wage earning class, he has not been unmindful of the interests of the farmers. He has been arranging with the department of agriculture to hold two meetings for farmers and fruit growers in this congressional district during the summer or early fall. Secretary Wilson has tentatively agreed to send two experts from the department of agriculture to address these meetings. Two other experts from the Missouri Agricultural school will probably attend. Mr. Smith is uncertain as to the places where these meetings will be held, but he is conferring with some of the best informed farmers of the district with a view of choosing the most centrally located points and the two most easily accessible by railway. He is also engaged on a scheme for the better co-ordination of the state schools of agriculture with the department at Washington, which will be placed before the house in the shape of a bill. It is proposed that the government extend more efficient aid to state schools without any large increase in expenditures.—Farmington Times.

"Pernicious Activity." Last Thursday's Globe-Democrat said:

"The boldness of some of the recent pernicious activity among federal officeholders in Missouri indicates a belief that it will be blinked at at Washington. This view of the case may be a mistake."

And the next day the same paper broke out in a long editorial in which it shows up Mr. Roosevelt—comparing his record when at the head of the Civil Service commission, and a stickler for the rigid enforcement of that law, with his open and shameless winking at the "pernicious political activity" of his appointees to office. Yes, sir, we found all that, "and then some," in the Globe-Democrat—the Bible of Missouri republicans, the gospel they hang on to for their Sunday reading. Wouldn't it be a "plumb caution" if that paper has experienced a "change of heart" and determined to be decent?

"I don't mind saying," said Sen. Payne of New York, the republican leader of the lower house of congress, in a speech the other day, "that it seems to me that they (the republican convention) will declare for a revision of the tariff." Of course they will. Why, "it seems to us" that if they should fail to make that "declare" they wouldn't have a leg to stand on. And when did they fail to vociferously declare for "tariff revision"? That has been their campaign slogan for twenty years, and where has the "revision" come in? Any republican in either house would be immediately read out of the party—and Mr. Payne knows it—who would dare to offer an amendment reducing the present villainous prohibitive tariff. The trust magnates, who furnish their campaign money, are perfectly easy on the subject of republican tariff revision or they wouldn't "cough up" so freely every four years. "Tariff revision" has got stale, and the republicans should remember that they can fool some of the people all of the time, but they can't fool all of the people all of the time."

County Court Proceedings.

Regular February term, 1908. All members and officers of the court present.

Ed Cobb allowed \$5 for care of father. Newt Fox allowed \$8 for care of Mahala Cash.

George F. Hart appointed constable for Liberty township until next general election. Bond approved.

G. Hollinger allowed \$16 for grading in road district No. 2.

Petition of A. S. Ramsey et al, for bridge across Clabb creek, continued.

Orlando Morris allowed \$24.25 for services in road district 15.

Henry Nugent, overseer road district 4, allowed \$78.95.

J. W. G. Hahn appointed justice of the peace for Liberty township until next general election.

Resignation of J. J. Salman, justice of the peace for Wayne township, accepted.

Marshall Roberts allowed \$4 for coffin for Vest, a poor person.

Wilson Gifford allowed \$6.25 for labor in road district 15.

L. C. Kerns allowed \$3.45 for lumber for road district 14 and \$2.24 for lumber for road district 15.

H. R. Thiele allowed \$4.24 for lumber for road district 17.

Standard Printing company allowed \$108.91 for stationery furnished county officers.

Andy Bollinger allowed \$10 for care of sister.

State Hospital No. 1, Fulton, Mo., allowed \$211.45.

H. W. Berry allowed \$9 for work in road district 10.

John A. Masters allowed \$5 for care of Katy Masters.

A. P. McKelvey allowed \$7 for services as road overseer under commissioner.

Settlement of R. A. Perkins, overseer road district 15, approved and balance of \$25.64 allowed.

James W. Sipes allowed \$5.55 for lumber for road district 15.

C. R. Willis allowed \$2.40 for labor in road district 15.

George E. Kinder, overseer road district 10, allowed \$9.30.

Will Poston allowed \$3 for labor in road district 10.

Road petitioned for by J. C. Moore ordered established.

Annual settlement of Sidney Johnson, overseer road district 16, approved.

Annual settlement of J. M. Talley, overseer road district 13, approved and balance of \$6 allowed.

Corbin & Co. allowed \$4 for lumber for road district 13.

Silvian & Mouser allowed \$1.60 for tools for road district 13, \$2.05 for tools for district 14, and \$1.95 for tools for district 15.

The following allowances were made for labor in road district 15: Cassius Hindman, \$6; R. W. Wiseman, \$11; Ab Bess, \$2; James Griffey, \$3; Henry Clubb, \$4; G. L. Myers, \$4, and Thomas Ramsey, \$6.

Order loan \$150 out of county public school fund to Andy Cavanaugh.

Order loan \$400.88 out of school fund to L. R. Patterson.

Order loan Louis Meyer \$280 out of public school fund.

Order loan Joseph Long \$300 out of school fund.

Commissioner ordered to survey road petitioned for by Henry Siler.

W. H. Scott accepted as additional security on the school fund bond of James Vandiller.

Betsy Nichols, a poor person, allowed \$7.

Delilah Justice, a poor person, allowed \$8.

Mary Wilson, a poor person, allowed \$15.

Abstract of fees collected by J. A. McGlothlin, circuit clerk, approved.

Right of way for road petitioned for by Frank Smith et al obtained, same is ordered established.

Commissioner's report on road petitioned for by J. C. Montgomery approved and same ordered established.

W. U. Gibbs, John I. Wiggins and Allen Dunn allowed \$2 each for services in assessing J. C. Montgomery road damages.

James Seabaugh, notary public, allowed \$0 cents for administering oath in Montgomery road cause.

Annual settlement of H. E. Miller, overseer road district 8, approved and balance of \$22.85 allowed.

Order loan petitioned for by B. F. Winters et al opened and established.

Commissioner ordered to survey and report on road petitioned for by Joseph Whitener et al at next regular term of court.

Same order in case of petition of C. R. Wills et al.

Road petition of William Shull, filed November term, dismissed.

Road petition of W. J. Bollinger et al continued to May term.

Annual settlement of Adam J. Seabaugh, overseer road district 7, approved and balance of \$18.45 allowed.

Report of W. L. Dunn, collector, on merchants' and manufacturers' licenses approved.

Clerk ordered to issue 31 merchant and 5 peddlers' licenses to collector.

Bee Yount allowed \$62.80, balance due for superintending county poor farm.

Annual settlement of George Burchett, overseer road district 17, approved and balance of \$21 allowed.

R. Habs allowed \$5 for work on courthouse.

Quarterly and annual abstract of fees of William Abernathy, county clerk, for 1907, approved and excess, \$119.08, ordered turned into county treasury.

William Abernathy, Co. clerk, allowed \$133.18 for services and \$17.10 for office expenses.

Fee bills in the matter of the State vs James Goodman, amounting to \$87.70, allowed.

J. A. McGlothlin, circuit clerk, allowed \$13.96, office expenses.

Following is the grand jury for March term of the Circuit court:

Lawrence township—John W. Cobb, Will Dulaney and George A. Grindstaff.

Wayne—King A. Gobble and Sanford Cato.

Liberty—Troy Mouser and Peter Bess.

Fillmore—J. A. Burk.

German—Alex. Seabaugh.

Union—Jacob Limbaugh.

Crooked Creek—Albert Smith.

Whitewater—Frederick Fellows.

State hospital No. 4 allowed \$905.71 for care of patients sent from Bollinger county.

George Ellinghouse, probate judge, allowed \$11.75, office expenses.

Omer Lutes allowed \$19.86 for lumber furnished road district 9.

George E. Conrad, county attorney, allowed \$125, salary.

Hill & Chandler allowed \$2.25 for stationery.

R. A. Bazzell allowed \$7.50, part salary as overseer road district 9.

James M. Zimmerman, highway engineer, allowed \$60, salary for one month.

J. A. Taylor allowed \$18.25 for mule furnished poor farm and John Leonard, a poor person.

Taylor Mercantile company allowed \$1.45 for material furnished road district 10.

Court adjourned to Monday, Feb. 17. Balance of proceedings will appear next week.

Southwest News.

H. Flachman, mayor of Morehouse and a prominent stove manufacturer, died Feb. 16, after a short illness. He was the surviving member of the firm of Flachman & Baumer, who operated a stove factory at that place ten years.

James Matterson of Bell City committed suicide in the Bloomfield jail, last Friday, within an hour after being committed on a charge of bigamy preferred against him on account of incoherent statements made by his wife while wild with fever.

In St. Francois county, last week, the papers contained accounts of a number of accidents and crimes.

James Delinger, janitor at the Doe Run Lead company's mill, was in some way killed by the machinery while sweeping.

In the little mining town of Cherryville, last Saturday (Feb. 15), the 13-year-old son of Charles Estes beat his little 7-year-old sister to death with a hammer and is in jail.

In the saloon in the west end of Doe Run, Saturday night, Feb. 15, Emmett Bono shot and killed Ed Robinson. Bono was committed to the Farmington jail, but afterward admitted to bail in the sum of \$4,000.

Officers arrested seven Hungarians, last week, on a charge of assault with intent to kill on account of a fight and stabbing that occurred at the Hungarian settlement near National shaft No. 5 the night of February 17. One Hungarian was stabbed twice in the back and also on the head and beaten almost to death.

The foregoing is condensed from the Farmington News.

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Our Correspondents.

Shell Ridge.

Quit a number of our people are on the puny list.

The recent high water washed away quite a lot of fencing for our farmers.

H. S. Shell is mail carrier these days. Willis Dial has employed two more farm hands.

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More sickness and deaths have been reported in the last month or six weeks than ever known in the same length of time in this part of the country.

Several of the Buchanan people have been here lately, purchasing supplies of our merchant, Jasper Cooper. Mr. Cooper is a clever, accommodating man and seems to enjoy selling his goods.

Come on, Brother Democrats! Let's rally around our old standard bearer, William Jennings Bryan, and give him a majority which will resound from pole to pole, and as the last echo dies away we will see the last faint glimmer of the G. O. P. on the western horizon, never to show its disfigured face again; while a few of the staunch old supporters will watch the last agonies of their beloved party. Then, when all is gone, they will turn away "sadder, but wiser."

ARAPAHOE.

Trowel.

Health is good.

We have been having warm weather and vegetation is beginning to spring up.

Vick Kern has purchased a new saw-mill and expects to do our people's sawing, which will be quite a convenience.

J. M. Shell has purchased Russell Pickett's mill and expects to run it on full time.

Hiram Fowler recently purchased a hog from James Null, weighing 500 pounds and says "Hurrin for the panie."

The correspondent to THE PRESS from Grassy must be some relation to Mr. Bryan, for there is little difference in them. Mr. Bryan has given up running for president, and this fellow won't until Nov. 8, next. (2-2-1 Ed.)

It is said that John Baker has a new boy at his house that's a bouncer.

Monroe and Caria Null are cutting logs for J. M. Shell.

Albert Bess, our tie maker, is busy at his work.

Henry Clubb went to Gipsy to get employment last week.

Miss Nellie Summers visited her father Thursday, returning to Lutesville Friday.

GREEN FIZZ.

Crooked Creek.

Our neighborhood has escaped the grip epidemic fairly well so far.

There have been but few cases reported and none very serious.

We are glad to report "Uncle Jack" Hawn much better than at the time of our last writing.

Miss Norma Whitener came home Thursday to attend the funeral of her brother-in-law, Wilson Knowles, who died in Texas Tuesday, and was brought back and buried at Patton Sunday.

We were sorry to learn of the death of this excellent young man, and extend our sympathies to the bereaved families.

The Hawn school closed last Friday, but owing to the inclement weather and the high water, which prevented the pupils from getting to the schoolhouse, the closing exercises were postponed until Wednesday evening of this week.

Miss Ethel Mabue dismissed her school last Friday to be present at the close of our school, but like a great many more, was disappointed.

Our rural route carrier did not make his round Friday, owing to the high water.

SUCCESS TO THE PRESS. JAY.

Bossville.

Died—February 6, 1908, of pneumonia, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hale, aged 1 month and 8 days. The remains were laid to rest in the Union cemetery.

Joseph Whitener and wife attended the funeral of their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Clyde Whitener, at Valles Mines week before last.

Charles Sitzes returned to school at Fredericktown one day last week.

"Grandpa" Venable is thought to be a little better, but "Uncle Jacob" Bess is said to be very low.

A. J. Bess and wife are staying at Dines Bess', and assisting in nursing Mr. Bess's father.

Rev. Wood filled his appointment at Union church the second Sunday, but owing to so much sickness in the neighborhood did not preach at night.

John Venable and Mesdames Garner and Coombs have been with their father during his recent illness. Also, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Watts and G. A. Venable's children.

Rev. Shrum of near Spring Valley preached at the Ridge church Sunday. Johnson Yount is reported very low of la grip.

Marsh Yount's family and Mrs. Susan Watts are sick of grip.

Otto Watts of St. Mary came home on account of the illness of his mother.

Hosea Hale is reported better.

Steve Huffman is still quite sick.

We are all hoping that the present fine weather will continue long enough to loosen the grip from our neighborhood.

Mesdames W. L. Burns, Andrew Whitener and Laura Dollar and

Worcester Bess and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Albright have been visiting their father, Jacob Bess, during his illness.

R. E. Sitzes closed a very satisfactory term of school in this district February 7, 1908. I understand he expects to enter the normal school at Cape Girardeau soon.

DESSVILLE.

Ladlin.

We had some very high water last Friday and Saturday. Old Crooked certainly did its best. We had about seven days of rain and the roads were almost impassable. We hope for some clear, dry weather.

Health is improving somewhat.

Rev. J. M. Weller preached at Ladlin Saturday night and Sunday, and at Ebenezer, in the absence of Rev. Boutwell, who is sick.

Ransom Habs of Lutesville visited his father, Daniel Habs, near Ladlin, Saturday night and Sunday.

E. G. Manning and wife of Cape Girardeau are visiting in this section of the county.

James Faulkner of Ladlin made a business trip to Greenfield and Lowlands last week, returning Saturday.

Joe R. Barker, who has been quite ailing for some time with a trouble of the throat and ear, and for which he underwent an operation some time ago, is reported worse and will return to St. Louis for further treatment.

G. E. Kinder is kept quite busy collecting taxes and serving legal processes.

Misses Mary Spivey and Beulah Melley of Whitewater have been visiting the family of George E. Kinder the last week.

The Ladlin state mill will start up in a few days.

Yes, the hard times are getting harder down here. We can hear them growl and complain. Once in a while we hear some fellow say that it is all over now. And he is right. It is "all over" from Maine to California, and from the Gulf to the lakes. "All over" the United States, effects are the same. Hard times, no work, wages out, lay-offs, close doors, hard times generally, but we democrats have a remedy in Bryan for president and a remedy in the majority in congress. Try it and be convinced.

Love will then be quoted in the interests of all the people, instead of the "privileged classes." The trade Teddy has been "hoisting" about seven years will go out of business. There'll be no putting matters off until "after the next election" either.

Years, for Bryan and prosperity, R. L. T.

Mayfield Church.

Health is very good, with few exceptions.

We have been having some rainy weather the last week.

Henry Fulton has been out of school this week on account of sickness.

Some of the boys in this vicinity attended the closing exercises of the James School and report an interesting time.

J. H. Mayfield visited at Joseph Seabaugh's Saturday night.

Rev. T. J. Gaither filled his regular appointment at this place first Sunday in February, and preached an interesting sermon to a large congregation.

Some of the boys of near Alliance can be seen riding their burg on Sundays. What's the attraction, boys?

E. R. Mayfield of Sedgewickville visited at T. A. Fulton's Thursday night.

"Grandma" Mayfield is still on the puny list.

Messrs. Levi Green, W. D. Mayfield, and Misses Hannah Green and Elsie Mayfield visited at P. H. Seabaugh's Saturday night, and gave some people who had been making sugar a surprise visit just in time for maple sugar Sunday.

There are rumors of a wedding in this vicinity, but be patient; the chicken is probably not quite ripe.